Government continues to pursue a policy to deal with the naxalite activities in a holistic manner in the areas of security and development. State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxaiite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways. These include modernization and upgradation of the State Police forces under various schemes; sharing of intelligence and facilitating inter-State coordination; and assistance for integrated development of naxal affected areas through a range of schemes.

A high-level Task Force under Cabinet Secretary has been formed for promoting coordinated efforts across a range of development and security measures. Ministries such as Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Tribal Affairs, Power, Drinking water Supply, Road Transport & Highways and Planning Commission are represented in the Task Force.

34 most affected districts in eight States have been taken up for special attention on planning, implementation and monitoring of security related measures and development schemes so that a comprehensive approach to deal effectively with the naxal problem, with monitorable targets and deliverables, is formulated and implemented.

Toxic Chinese toys being sold in stores

*196. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a huge number of Chinese toys, which are made up of toxic contents with dangerous health effects among children, are being sold in all toy stores and even in well-known retail stores; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any strong action against those toy stores?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) As per Notification No. 113/(RE-2008)/2004-2009, dated 16th June, 2009 all imported toys into India are mandated to conform to the International Standards prescribed in ASTM F963 or EN 71; or standards prescribed in ISO 8124 (Parts I-III) or IS 9873 (Parts I-III).

Toys not meeting the above specifications and which are not accompanied by certificates of conformity with aforementioned standards and testing, are prohibited for import into India, with effect from 16th June, 2009.

World Bank loan for road projects in A.P.

*197. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN. Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned crores of rupees as loan for the road projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the road projects undertaken so far in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years;

(c) the amount spent so far on each road project;

(d) the criteria adopted to use such loan; and

(e) by when all the roads will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (e) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways and roads other than National highways are the responsibility of the State Governments. No National Highway works have been undertaken with funding from World Bank in the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, some World Bank loan has been arranged for state sector road project in Andhra Pradesh the details of which are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Details of World Bank loan for State sector road projects in Andhra Pradesh

The Board of Directors of the World Bank on 15th October 2009 has approved an IBRD loan of US$320 million for Andhra Pradesh Road Sector Project. The objective of the project is to improve the institutional capacity of the Andhra Pradesh Government in the road sector to provide better quality, capacity and safe roads to users in a sustainable manner. The total cost of the project is estimated at US$720.5 million with World Bank assistance of US$320 million. The balance amount of US$400.50 million would be met by the State Government. The components of the project are as under:

(1) Road improvement component (up-gradation and improvement of 429 kms of roads)

(2) PPP Enabling Support Component

(3) Institutional Strengthening Component

(4) Road Safety component

The Road project under this loan is likely to be completed by 2015.

Impact of FTAs on domestic spice producers

*198. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Spice Board considered the impact of the recent Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) on the domestic spice producers;

(b) if so, what was its conclusion;

(c) whether Government took into account Board's opinion before agreeing on the FTAs; and